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SERVICES OF MARINE EXPERTS FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF MARITIME INDUSTRY
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Will the Minister of SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government proposes to engage the services of marine experts for framing and implementation of Maritime policy;

(b) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor; and

(c) the steps taken by the Government for utilization of services of marine experts for Development of Maritime Industry?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI T.R. BAALU)

(a) to (c): There is no proposal to engage the services of Marine experts for framing and implementation of maritime policy. Government has already a pool of experts in the establishments of D.G.(Shipping),National Shipping Board and the Ministry.

The Director General of Shipping under the provisions of Merchant Shipping Act, 1958 has been delegated the task of advising the Government on matters relating to shipping policy inter-alia registration of Indian ships,technical aspects of shipping, other national interest including the welfare measures of Indian Seafarers employed on Indian registered ships or foreign flag ships.To enforce the provisions of ratified International Maritme Organisation instruments by the Government of India, the Director General of Shipping has the technical know how and expertise of its adviser i.e. Nautical Adviser and Chief Surveyor with Government of India.The Government from time to time depending upon the requirements interacts and hold consultations with various stakeholders and experts in the maritime field.